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**NEWS
RELEASE**

03/18/2022

Man Holds Child at Knifepoint

Date: 03/17/2022

Time: 2:26 A.M.

Location: 10900 block of Bob Stone

Offender: Jose Francisco Diaz, 41-year-old male, Eastside El Paso TX Resident

Victim 1: 36-year-old female, Eastside El Paso TX Resident

Victim 2: 13-year-old male child, Eastside El Paso TX Resident

Victim 3: 8-year-old female child, Eastside El Paso TX Resident

Victim 4: 6-year-old female child, Eastside El Paso TX Resident

El Paso, Texas – On March 17th, 2022 at approximately 2:26 A.M. Pebble Hills Patrol Officers responded to a family violence disturbance. Upon arrival officers observed the 36-year-old female victim in the middle of the street and told officers Diaz locked her out and would not release her children. Officers approached the residence to meet with Diaz and check on the welfare of the children. Officers observed Diaz walk toward the door while shielding himself with the 13-year-old male child victim as he held a knife to the victim's neck. Diaz then began to retreat into the hallway using the 13-year-old child as a shield. Officers could hear the 2 other children crying in the direction of where Diaz was retreating. Special Weapons and Tactics and Crisis Management Team arrived at the scene and were able to mediate the release of the children. After some time Diaz surrendered and was placed under arrest. Crimes Against Persons obtained warrants for Diaz for 2 counts of Unlawful Restraint and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon with a total bond of \$250,000.00 signed by Judge Nunez.

Sometime during this incident an officer discharged his weapon and that incident continues to be investigated by the El Paso Police Department, Internal Affairs, Crimes Against Persons and The Texas Rangers. The officer is a 4 year veteran of the department and was placed on administrative leave followed by administrative duty which is customary practice for this type of investigation.



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